CLAIMS

1. Apparatus capable of indicating when the contents of a medical bag reach a certain level, the apparatus comprising indicator means and a first and second component, wherein the first component has attachment means for holding the medical bag and is adapted to move relative to the second component as the contents of the medical bag change, wherein movement of the first component activates the indicator means.

2. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the medical bag is a catheter bag or drip bag.

3. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the first and second components are hollow tubulars.

4. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein as the volume of the contents of the medical bag changes, the first component moves in a substantially vertical direction relative to the second component.

5. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, manufactured from metal.

6. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 4, manufactured from a plastic material.

7. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5, manufactured from stainless steel.

8. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the first and second components are arranged such that the first component is positioned above and engages with the second component.

9. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the lowermost region of the first component is positioned substantially within the uppermost region of the second component.

10. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the diameter of at least the lowermost region of the first component is smaller than the diameter of at least the uppermost region of the second component.

11. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 8, wherein the lowermost region of the first component is positioned substantially over the uppermost region of the second component.

12. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the diameter of at least the lowermost region of the first component is larger than the diameter of at least the uppermost region of the second component.

13. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein a compression spring is located within the second component.

14. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the first component makes contact with the compression spring.

15. Apparatus as claimed in Claims 13 to 14, wherein the first component sits on the compression spring.

16. Apparatus as claimed in Claims 13 to 15, wherein the compression spring is calibrated.

17. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein one of either the first or second component contains a magnetic array.

18. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the other of the first or second component contains a magnetic detector or sensor.

19. Appartus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the magnetic detector or sensor is a read switch.

20. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the indicator means is activated when the magnetic detector or sensor comes into proximity with the magnetic array.

21. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the indicator means comprises one or more indicator lights.

22. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the indicator means comprises an audible signal.

23. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the magnetic detector or sensor and

magnetic array are brought into proximity with each other as the bag fills.

24. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein as the medical bag fills, the weight of the bag moves the first component in a substantially downward direction on the compression spring located in the second component, causing the magnetic detector or sensor and magnetic array to be brought into proximity with each other.

25. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 22, wherein the magnetic detector or sensor and magnetic array are brought into proximity with each other as the bag empties.

26. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 25, wherein as the medical bag empties, the reduction in weight of the medical bag moves the first component in a substantially upward direction on the compression spring located in the second component, causing the magnetic detector or sensor and magnetic array to be brought into proximinity with each other.

27. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the indicator means is battery operated.

28. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the indicator means is located on one of the upper or lower components.

29. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 27, wherein the indicator means is located on both of the upper and lower components.

30. Apparatus as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 27, wherein the indicator means is located in a remote location to the apparatus.

31. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, comprising a third tubular component.

32. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the indicator means is located on the third tubular component.

33. Apparatus as claimed in Claims 31 to 32, wherein the third tubular component has battery access.

34. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims which is free standing.

35. Apparatus as claimed in any one of the preceding Claims, wherein the lower component has a base.

36. Apparatus as claimed in Claim 35, wherein the base has a plurality of feet.